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1. [ ] ship was in the port of Arkhangelsk [ ]  
On both occasions when his ship passed Chizhov Island (N 64-45, E 40-33) there were three or four floating targets there. They were constructed of two long poles with crosspieces fore and aft. Two masts on the crosspieces supported a net between them. There was no radar reflector on the target. 25X1
2. There were many minelayers at Solombala. Those that were closest to [ ] ship, which was at Sawmill No. 16-17, had a long plain afterdeck with minelaying rails and a large crane. Each minelayer had one stack, and there were guns mounted on the foredeck. [ ] At the shipyard on Solombala, there was a large transport vessel manned by sailors. It was painted black, and the top of the foremast was dismantled. 25X1
3. [ ] ship loaded at Sawmill No. 16-17. It was moored at the upper end of the quay; the quay continued about 100 meters farther on but the latter section was not usable. However, repair work was underway on this section. The planking was being torn off and the quay was being filled with wooden debris. The edges of the quay were made of uncut logs. While the ship was at Sawmill No. 16-17, a continuous radio signal from in or near Arkhangelsk was received around the clock. It could be heard far out to sea. The signal was in the direction of 255 degrees; the ship's compass bearing was 199 degrees. 25X1
4. Almost every day a large vessel resembling a railway ferry came to Sawmill No. 16-17 [ ] It was about 350 feet long, and 70 to 75 feet wide; it had a large built-up section on the foredeck with the bridge on it, and a stack in the center behind the bridge. The vessel was motor-powered. It had an ordinary bow, a large deck, and an open after section. There were large doors on the side of the afterdeck. Automobiles could drive under the bridge superstructure, but not out onto the bow. There were no tracks on the deck; lumber trucks drove through the doors on the side and unloaded on the deck. When the deck was loaded, the boat sailed; [ ] and the vessel went to another sawmill. 25X1

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5. One day a schooner with an auxiliary motor was observed. [redacted] it was a training vessel; the ship had yards on the foremast and two schooner-rigged masts. Another training vessel was anchored in a side inlet south of Solombala. 25X1
6. [redacted] three to seven jet aircraft together in the air [redacted]. The aircraft had long fuselages, low and sharply swept-back wings, and a high rudder; the aircraft were aluminum colored. They frequently came from off shore and passed overhead on a south-southeasterly course past Sawmill No. 16-17. [redacted] Over toward Keg Island [redacted] a row of red lights at night. 25X1
7. The span of the bridge from Solombala to Arkhangelsk was nearly completed but the bridge was still not ready for traffic. Arkhangelsk had only one main street. [redacted] the following large buildings on the street: a yellow building of six or seven stories which was said to house the communal offices; a modern building with a neon light indicating it to be a bank; a large combination post office and telegraph building on an open square; and the Inflat building which bore number 62 or 67. The street from the ferry pier had a slight slope to it. From the high part of the city, the harbor offices were on the right. On the right side of the main street, there was a large building out of which came a large number of army officers. In a field behind the building there were some younger men playing games. [redacted] the building was an apartment house. 25X1
8. [redacted], nine small naval vessels, probably MIBs, maneuvered around in the White Sea in the vicinity of Sosnovets Island (N 66-29, E 40-41). [redacted] The vessels moved in line formation at a speed of about fifteen knots. 25X1

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